competition with the domestic labour force, including visiting workers representing overseas Governments or international companies based in the UK. Skilled workers in these categories can choose to come in Tiers 1 or 2 if they wish to make the UK their home. *The UK* will retain the Working Holidaymaker scheme for young Commonwealth nationals but tighten the criteria."

Foreign Direct Investments from NRIs

*228. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for liberalising Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) to facilitate higher inflow of FDI from NRIs and PIOs in group housing, real estate development, agriculture and plantation; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employment through SSIs in Tamil Nadu

*229. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in employment generated through small scale industries in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of people employed through SSIs in Tamil Nadu during the last five years;

(c) whether Government are implementing any scheme for generation of employment through SSIs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the number of